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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 17, 2000

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC000056

For approval of tariff
revisions to introduce
BAAN Single Rate Service
and Classify it as
Competitive

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE,
INVITING COMMENTS AND SETTING HEARING

On March 3, 2000, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"), submitted a new service offering in its Long Distance Services Tariff, SCC - Va. No. 209, pursuant to § 4.A of the Bell Atlantic-Virginia Plan for Alternative Regulation ("Plan"). BA-VA's new tariff offering proposes classifying as a competitive service its Bell Atlantic Access Number ("BAAN") Single Rate Service, an alternative method of placing calling card and collect telephone calls, effective April 3, 2000. This service is provided to customers who dial a 1-800 number to access BA-VA's BAAN platform to place intraLATA Toll and Local Station-to-Station mechanized calling card or collect telephone calls.

The Commission took no action to suspend the new service offering and, accordingly, the BAAN Single Rate Service tariff

became effective on April 3, 2000, pursuant to § 56-240 of the Code of Virginia, as amended. The tariff filing transmittal letter indicates that it has been served upon the Attorney General and all certificated interexchange carriers to comply with § 4.A of BA-VA's Plan.

The Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed and that BA-VA should furnish notice to all affected parties of its proposed classification of this service as Competitive, pursuant to § 56-235.5 E of the Code of Virginia and § 4.A.2 of the Plan.

Pursuant to § 4.A.4 of the Plan, this proceeding must be concluded within 120 days of the tariff's effective date, August 1, 2000. The Commission may, however, extend this period for good cause. The Commission now takes judicial notice of its docket and the regulatory resources already assigned and finds that due to the limited Staff resources available to review this tariff filing and proposed classification, good cause exists to extend the period through Friday, November 3, 2000.

Having considered the tariff filing by BA-VA and upon taking judicial notice, on its own motion, of BA-VA's current tariffed local operator completion service rates and charges, the Commission now finds that there may be public interest related issues associated with the competitive classification for a service equivalent to the traditional dial-zero operator

services currently provided as a price regulated service.

Accordingly, notice should be published in the manner prescribed herein below inviting public comments.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC000056.

(2) The period for reviewing this tariff is hereby extended through Friday, November 3, 2000.

(3) A hearing to consider whether BA-VA's proposed BAAN Single Rate Service is competitive and any public interest related issues is scheduled for October 23, 2000, at 10:30 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom on the Second Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(4) On or before June 23, 2000, BA-VA shall notify the public concerning the proposed BAAN Single Rate Service by publishing as display advertising, on two (2) occasions, in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Commonwealth, the following notice:

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING
BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA'S ACCESS NUMBER
SINGLE RATE SERVICE;
BELL ATLANTIC ACCESS NUMBER ("BAAN")
SINGLE RATE SERVICE

Effective April 3, 2000, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"), began offering a new service called BAAN Single Rate Service on a competitive basis, without price regulation. This service provides customers

with an alternative method of placing calling card and collect telephone calls and offers a uniform rate structure. A customer using BAAN Single Rate Service dials a 1-800 number and is billed through a mechanized system for local calls and intraLATA toll calls, both collect and calling card calls. The rates proposed do not apply to collect or calling card calls handled by a BA-VA operator or any dialing arrangements other than BAAN. Customers may also place other long distance calls (including interLATA) via the BAAN access number.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission ("SCC") is requesting comments concerning whether this service should be offered on a competitive basis, without price regulation, and other related public interest effects of BAAN Single Rate Service. Comments are invited on or before July 24, 2000. Such comments should be addressed to the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and should refer to Case No. PUC000056. A hearing to consider this matter will be held at 10:30 a.m., October 23, 2000, in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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(5) On or before July 7, 2000, BA-VA shall file proofs of publication of notice as prescribed in paragraph (4) above.

(6) Public comments concerning the proposed BAAN Service shall be filed with the Clerk on or before July 24, 2000.

(7) BA-VA shall, in compliance with § 4.A.2 of its Plan, forthwith cause a copy of the following notice to be sent by first-class mail to all affected parties, to include the

Attorney General's Division of Consumer Counsel, interexchange carriers, and providers of competitive local exchange services.

NOTICE TO AFFECTED PARTIES THAT
BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.
PROPOSES TO CLASSIFY ITS
BAAN SINGLE RATE SERVICE AS COMPETITIVE
CASE NO. PUC000056

On March 3, 2000, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"), submitted a request that its proposed Bell Atlantic Access Number ("BAAN") Single Rate Service be classified as competitive under Paragraph 4.A. of its Alternative Regulatory Plan ("Plan"). A hearing to consider the classification of this service as competitive and any public interest related issues has been scheduled in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, for October 23, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. BA-VA is to file any direct testimony and any exhibits it considers necessary to support its proposal on or before August 18, 2000.

On or before September 15, 2000, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant, pursuant to SCC Rule 4:6, shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest as described in SCC Rule 5:16(a) with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below and serve a copy on Warner F. Brundage, Jr., Esquire, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., 600 East Main Street, 11th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any Protestant shall file on or before September 15, 2000, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Protest, together with direct testimony and exhibits, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at

the address listed below and simultaneously serve a copy thereof upon the Company and upon any other Protestant. The Protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the Protestant in the proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the Protestant is prepared to prove by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the legal basis therefore.

Any person wishing to submit written comments about the proposed classification should direct those comments to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and refer to Case No. PUC000056. Such comments shall be filed before the hearing scheduled above.

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(8) On or before June 2, 2000, BA-VA shall file proof of service of the notice prescribed in paragraph (7) above, together with a list of all the persons to whom the notice was mailed.

(9) On or before August 18, 2000, BA-VA shall file any direct testimony and exhibits it considers appropriate; but, at a minimum, BA-VA must show that it has complied with Paragraph 4.A and other pertinent paragraphs of its Plan.

(10) On or before September 15, 2000, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant shall file a Notice of Protest pursuant to Rule 4:6.

(11) On or before September 15, 2000, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Protest with the Clerk of the Commission, together with direct testimony and exhibits.

(12) On or before October 6, 2000, the Commission's Staff shall file any direct testimony and exhibits that it considers appropriate.

(13) Rebuttal testimony and exhibits concerning the prefiled direct testimony and exhibits of any participant will be received by the Commission ore tenus during the October 23, 2000, hearing.

(14) Responses to interrogatories or requests for production shall be served within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of same.